

**RESOLUTION NO. RS2018-1083** (VERCHER & WITHERS) – This resolution would approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency (MDHA) and the Mayor's Office with respect to the assignment of AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America supporting the Nashville Promise Zone (NPZ). The term of the NPZ is ten (10) years, from June 6, 2016 through June 5, 2026.

In 2016, MDHA applied for and received a Promise Zone distinction. The goals of the NPZ are to (1) create jobs, (2) spur economic activity, (3) expand educational opportunities, (4) reduce violent crime, (5) increase access to quality affordable housing, and (6) improve community infrastructure. The benefits of a Promise Zone distinction include a federal liaison, preferences for certain competitive federal programs, and the opportunity to engage AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America (VISTAs) to support Promise Zone efforts. MDHA has also entered into an agreement with Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) in which CNCS will provide AmeriCorps VISTA members to perform volunteer services related to MDHA's Promise Zone application. The term of the agreement with CNCS is for a period of one (1) year and may be renewed annually throughout the 10-year NPZ designation.

The MOU would establish a collaborative partnership between MDHA and the Mayor's Office in reference to the assignment of the AmeriCorps VISTA member(s). The obligations of the parties are also governed by an agreement between CNCS and MDHA, as well as applicable federal laws and regulations.

*Fiscal Note: MDHA would be responsible for paying member mileage reimbursement, professional development, the project participation fee, and in-kind assistance -- all expected to total less than \$5,000 annually. In addition, a site supervisor would be required to provide day-to-day supervision of the activities of the VISTA members.*